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St. James's, January 3.

THIS Day the Lord-Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London waited on his Majesty, to congratulate Him on the Birth of a Princess; being introduc'd by the Right Honourable Lord Sidney Beauclerk, his Majesty's Vice-Chamberlain, Sir John Strange, their Recorder, made their Compliments in the following Speech.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

THE safe Delivery of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and the Birth of another Princess, are Events of so much Consequence to these Kingdoms, that the Lord-Mayor and Court of Aldermen of your City of London have most humbly desired your Majesty's Permission to tender their dutiful Congratulations on this joyful Occasion.

It is no small Part of our Happiness, that whilst other Kingdoms and States most anxiously perceive great and noble Families, in whom they are interested, drawing towards a Period, we of this Nation have the Pleasure to behold many Descendants from your Royal Person; the best Security (under the Blessing of God) for the long Enjoyment of our Religion and Liberties.

Happy are the People whose Prayers for their Prince are then most ardent, when the Sense of their own Felicity affects them most. Such, Sir, are those we offer for your sacred Person; formed, we confess, with a View to our own Interest, but at the same Time enobled by a true Principle of Gratitude.

To which his Majesty was pleased to return this most gracious Answer.

I Thank you for this Address, and the Regard you express for me and my Family.

They all had the Honour to kiss his Majesty's Hand.

Petersbourg, Dec. 2. The Great Dutchess finding herself a little indisposed at Chapel last Sunday Morning, retired before the Service was over, but is now perfectly recovered. The Felt-Marshal Count Munich has for some Days kept his Bed, and is not yet entirely free from his Indisposition, which is said to be the Cholick, of which his Excellency had a Return last Saturday, and, as it is apprehended, a pretty severe one, since he received again the Sacrament on Sunday Morning, which he had done once before at the Beginning of his Illness. The Order of St. Andrew was sent last Post to Count Goloffkin, the Ambassador of this Court, at the Hague.

Whitehall, Dec. 27, 1740.

Whereas Charles Cotton, Gardiner, of Turnham-Green, in the County of Middlesex, was, on the 19*th Instant, between the Hours of Four and Five in the Evening, attacked by three Persons unknown, (one of them a tall long-visag'd Man, another a middle siz'd thickset Man, and the third a short Man) who forced him into an adjacent Field, and there held a Pistol to his*